THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meetings of State authorities of naxal-affected States

3426. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings with the state authorities of the naxal-affected States have been convened in last two years and the details of the outcome;

(b) whether Government have been able to set up an institutionalized mechanism to coordinate anti-naxal operations and intelligence sharing;

(c) whether Government recognized that the resolving naxal-problem would require rapid economic development of affected areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are considering to monitor the delivery of Centre sponsored developmental schemes at the village level and has any system to fix accountability of district and village level officials been evolved alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Two meetings of the Standing Committee of CMs of the naxal affected States, six meetings of the Coordination Centre and eleven meetings of the Task Force on naxalism have been held with naxal affected States since April, 2004.

The important decisions taken during these meetings include strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing mechanism by the affected States, long-term deployment of Central police forces, inclusion of additional districts and items under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, modernization and upgradation of State Police forces and Police Stations for anti-naxalite operations, mounting of focused, coordinated and sustained intelligence based anti-naxalite operations, effective implementation of various development schemes, land reforms, PESA Act and in the affected areas, formulation of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (RR) Policy for local people etc.

(b) The States have been asked to set up mechanisms for coordinated inter-State anti-naxal operations and expedite constitution of Inter-State Intelligence Support Teams (ISISTs) within the framework of Joint Task Force on Intelligence (JTFI).

(c) and (d) Keeping in view that the naxal problem is not merely a law & order problem, the Govemment policy essentially deals with the problem on both security and development fronts. The Central Government has been advising the affected States to improve monitoring and delivery mechanisms to ensure faster socio-economic development in the naxal affected areas.

Enquiry into massacre in Marad, Kerala

3427. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH:
SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enquiry commisison headed by Distt. Senior Judge, Thomas R Joseph was appointed to enquire into communal riots and massacre in Marad in Kerala in 2003;

(b) what are the findings of the commission in brief;

(c) what action is being considered against the defaulters named in the report; and

(d) whether extremist outfits with foreign links are operating in Kerala and what action Home Ministry has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from the State Government the Commission has submitted its report to the State Government and they are examining it.

(c) 'Public Order[1] and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. As such, action with regard to registration, investigation, prosecution of cases and action against the guilty are the primary concern of the State Governments.